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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is passed. Members, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 133, LB 250, LB 269, LB 182, and LB 300. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. I have a report of registered lobbyists for this week; an amendment to be printed by Senator Wickersham to LB 827, Senator Tyson to LB 227. And priority bill designation: Senator Schrock, LB 667, as one of the Natural Resources Committee priorities. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 859-860.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Doctor of the day introduced.) Mr. Clerk, General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 433, first bill this morning. Senator Landis offers LB 433. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 9 of this year, referred to the Revenue Committee, advanced to General File.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Landis, you are recognized to open on LB 433.

SENATOR LANDIS: Deja vu all over again. This bill was here last year, passed through the Legislature after a titanic struggle with Senator Wickersham and Senator Raikes, which we will reprise for you this morning. It was amended by a measure that Senator Hilgert touted at the time and eventually was vetoed by the Governor and, in his message, the Governor differentiated his reasons. He said he would have liked to have signed the business credit bill, or would have been inclined to I think his words were, but, because of the Hilgert amendment, he vetoed the bill. In 1999, Governor Johanna established the Business Council on Child Care Financing. At the time when he charged that commission, he said, with both parents in so many households working and so many single mothers in the work force, the demand for quality childcare...childhood care outside the home has never been greater. Nothing could be further from the...I mean nothing could be more accurate in its statement in that we now have the highest level of employment for women outside the home as there is in the country. We rank second in